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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
Marc Birkner et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/831,745 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Filed: May 14, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
CONTROLLING A PORTABLE )  
OBJECT LIFE CYCLE, IN )  
PARTICULAR A SMART CARD )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to a Notification of A Defective Response dated August 7, 2001 :

one month to October 5, 2001; the extension fee is:

\$55.00 (215)  \$110.00 (115).

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An extension fee in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed.

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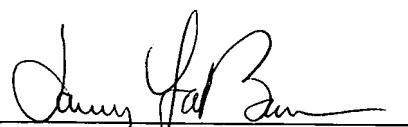
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,  
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